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- 1. PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL BANK, GUILLERMO BUESO ADVISED AMBASSADOR THAT COORDINATING COMMITTEE EMERGENCY PLAN FORWARDED TO ARA/LA/CEN IN REFERENCED LETTER AND SUMMARIZED REFTEL, HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY GOH. THE PLAN CALLS FOR AN INTERMEDIATE PLANTING OF CORN TO COMMENCE AT SOONEST POSSIBLE DATE AS REPLACEMENT FOR FAILED FIRST CROP DUE FOR HARVEST IN AUGUST.
- 2. BUESO STATES THAT EMERGENCY PLAN PRESENTS OPTIMISTIC VIEW OF ITS OWN POSSIBILITY FOR SUCCESS. ACTUAL NEEDS IN FIRST HALF 1976 COULD BE DOUBLED IF EMERGENCY PROGRAM FAILS. SECOND, CORN IMPORTS FOR CURRENT DEMAND WILL BE NECESSARY IN SEPTEMBER, HOPEFULLY WITH USG PL 480 FINANCING. FINALLY, BUESO NOTES CONCURRENT ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF CROP FAILURE: (A) NECESSITY TO PLACE OFFICIAL PURCHASE PRICE ABOVE SUPPORT PRICE IN NICARAGUA AS PRODUCTION INCENTIVE AND TO AVOID ILLEGAL EXPORTS MEANS (B) HIGHER INTERNAL PRICES AT TIME OF LOW RURAL AND UNCLASSIFIED

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PERSONAL INCOMES; (C) LOSS OF NORMAL CORN EXPORT

EARNINGS AND PAYMENT FOR IMPORTS; (D) DIRE NEED FOR RURAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS (WHICH HAVE BUDGETARY COST) TO BOLSTER INCOME AND AVOID LOSS OF PRODUCTIVE LABOR.

3. COUNTRY TEAM, ESPECIALLY SINCE AMBASSADOR AND AID DIRECTOR HAVE COMPLETED FIELD SURVEY THIS WEEK, BELIEVES SITUATION IS NO LESS SERIOUS THAN A DISASTER, ALTHOUGH FINAL CROP DATA WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE BEFORE SECOND HALF OF AUGUST. SANCHEZ

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